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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE FOR ALBERTA

Compiled by the Statistics Division, Extension Service, Department of Agriculture
Based on statistics published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and
the Canada Department of Agriculture

MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about April 1, 1954, they held for export and carryover, 1,844.6 million bushels of wheat, some 31 per cent greater than the 1,406.0 million bushels available a year ago. Supplies in millions of bushels, including on-farm stocks (with last year's figures in brackets) were: United States, 923.1 (620.1); Canada, 652.3 (530.0); Argentina, 129.9 (148.8); and Australia, 139.3 (107.1).

Total stocks of Canadian wheat at March 31, 1954, are estimated at 741.2 million bushels compared with 606.3 million a year ago and the record of 762.4 million in 1943.

World exports of grain and grain products (exclusive of rice) during the 1952-53 crop year totalled 40,568,289 long tons, (26.5 million tons of it wheat) 2 million tons below the 1951-52 figures. While wheat exports were down from the previous year they are still considerably higher than pre-war and post-war figures. Canada was the leading exporter of bread grains in 1952-53 with the United States continuing to lead as an exporter of coarse grains.

Only 72,677,000 bushels of the wheat Canada guaranteed to sell under the International Wheat Agreement had been delivered to April 13, leaving a balance of 90,554,000 bushels. Total exports of Canadian wheat to April 1, 1954, were 170.9 million bushels compared to 224.7 million a year ago.

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian live stock exports from January 1st to May 1st (1952 figures in brackets) include: slaughter cattle, 12,725 (531); feeders, 5,283 (23); dairy cattle, 9,575 (11,264); calves, 663 (776); hogs, 3,656 (3,795); and sheep, 144 (267). Dressed meat exports were: beef, 12,405,680 lbs. (8,861,391); pork, 12,233,349 lbs. (14,704,789); and mutton and lamb, 12,367 lbs. (18,157).

A survey conducted by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics indicates that the number of sows farrowed in Alberta from December 1, 1953 to May 31, 1954 will be 23 per cent greater than the number farrowed in the same period for 1952-53. An increase of 32 per cent in farrowings is indicated for Canada as a whole.

POULTRY:

The number of chicken eggs placed in incubators by registered hatcheries in Alberta January 1 to May 8, 1954, totalled 11,543,000 compared to 10,254,000 for the same period in 1953. Turkey eggs placed were 1,026,399 compared to 826,038 last year.

CONDITION OF CROPS:

At the end of May wheat seeding was about completed in southern and east central areas and in parts of the Peace River country. Little seeding has been done in the triangle from Coronation to Olds and Leduc and in most areas west of these points practically no seed is in the ground. Conditions are also backward in north central regions, Sangudo to Bonnyville and at Falher. At April 30 farmers indicated intentions were to seed 94 per cent of last year's wheat acreage. Actual plantings of all grains may be lower than indicated at that time.

GRAIN MARKETINGS - ALBERTA

FARMERS' MARKETINGS INCLUDING PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS AND ESTIMATED INCOME RECEIVED

CROP YEAR - 1 August, 1952 - 31 July, 1953
1 August, 1953 - 31 July, 1954

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX	
	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54
					- thousands of bushels -					
Marketings:										
Month of April	4,848	4,241	1,401	982	2,112	1,250	169	86	49	34
Season, August - April	100,560	84,361	25,259	23,300	45,194	26,105	3,620	2,197	1,623	1,691
					- dollars per bushels -					
Estimated Farm Returns:										
Initial Payment	1.10	1.14	0.49	0.49	0.76	0.73	1.33[☆]v	0.81[☆]	3.10[☆]	2.33[☆]
Interim Payments:										
February 18, 1953	0.20									
March 2, 1953					0.15					
Total per bushel to April 30 [☆☆]	$ 1.30	1.14	0.49	0.49	0.91	0.73	1.33[☆]	0.81[☆]	3.10[☆]	2.33[☆]
					- thousands of dollars -					
Total farm returns to April 30.	$130,728	96,172	12,377	11,417	41,126	19,057	4,815	1,780	5,031	3,940

Total cash returns received by farmers for grain delivered between August 1, 1953 to April 30, 1954 are estimated to be $132,366,000 compared to $194,077,000 for the same period in 1952-53.

[☆] Complete payment as these were sold in the open market.

[☆☆] Since April 30, 1953, final payments have been made on wheat, oats and barley delivered to the Canadian Wheat Board in the 1952-53 crop year. These payments per bushel (with total estimated returns per bushel in brackets) were as follows: wheat, 23 cents ($1.53); oats, 10 cents ($0.59); and barley 12 cents ($1.03).

LIVE STOCK PRICES - ALBERTA

APRIL, 1954, and Four Months Ending APRIL, 1954, Compared to Corresponding Periods in 1953.

	GOOD STEERS		GOOD VEAL		GOOD LAMBS		B^1 HOGS (dressed without bonus)	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of April								
Calgary	18.75	19.94	25.78	23.67	22.89	20.95	26.47	33.63
Edmonton	18.25	17.04	25.61	23.50	21.65	21.49	26.00	34.42
Lethbridge	18.08	17.17	23.33	-	21.79	20.39	25.69	33.43
January - April								
Calgary	19.93	16.99	25.42	22.79	22.15	19.90	24.61	33.14
Edmonton	19.57	16.37	28.13	23.03	21.80	21.27	24.46	33.82
Lethbridge	19.07	17.01	22.89	18.86	22.05	20.12	24.26	32.93

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog-Barley Ratio[*]

1933-53	1952	1953	Apr. 1953	Apr. 1954
21.5	15.8	22.2	19.0	35.1

Live Stock Price Relationships[*]

	1933-53	1952	1953	Apr. 1953	Apr. 1954
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	123.7	84.7	91.2	64.7
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	118.5	92.8	108.2	81.6
Good Steers - Good Lambs	91.2	104.4	91.2	84.3	79.3

[*] Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lbs. of grade B_1 live hog at Edmonton prices plus federal premium on hogs.

[*] Prices of 100 lbs. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs, (federal premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETINGS - ALBERTA

APRIL 1954 AND FOUR MONTHS ENDING APRIL 30, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953.

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
				- number of head -				
Receipts at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants								
Month of April	33,271	37,736	5,798	6,209	9,428	13,115	120,655	110,260
January - April	128,881	165,529	21,675	26,091	43,699	54,471	530,042	473,151
Shipments to Country Points from Yards and Plants								
Month of April	3,670	4,380	332	270	37	230	-	-
January - April	12,610	15,497	2,863	2,085	1,357	1,075	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants								
Month of April	29,601	33,356	5,466	5,939	9,391	12,885	120,655	110,260
January - April	116,271	150,032	18,812	24,006	42,343	53,396	530,042	473,151
Slaughterings in Uninspected Establishments								
Month of April		2,739		880		117		2,471
January - April		10,913		3,191		716		10,360
Total Net Live Stock Marketings								
Month of April	32,340	36,095	6,346	6,819	9,508	13,002	123,126	112,731
January - April	127,184	160,945	22,003	27,197	43,059	54,112	540,402	483,511
Estimated Value of Livestock Marketed				- dollars -				
Month of April	$ 5,045,040	5,233,775	355,376	354,588	199,668	273,042	5,171,292	6,200,205
January - April	$ 21,114,876	22,278,249	1,425,844	1,482,257	854,523	1,069,752	21,478,393	26,358,037

Uninspected slaughterings for 1953 are not available. In calculating total net marketings and values it was assumed that slaughterings in uninspected plants in 1953 equalled slaughterings reported for 1954. Estimated total net income from live stock sales in 1954 with 1953 figures in brackets were: April $12,061,610 ($10,771,376) and for January to April inclusive $51,188,295 ($44,873,636).

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FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS IN ALBERTA

1953 - 1954

	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	MARCH		JANUARY-MARCH		MARCH		JANUARY-MARCH	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,431	1,554	3,496	3,873	847	937	2,110	2,335
Dairy Butter	7	7	19	14	4	4	11	8
Milk for Cheese Making	1,815	2,651	4,291	6,578	44	63	104	159
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream, and Fluid Cream ☆	11,243	10,511	29,781	27,478	314	300	854	799
Milk for Fluid Sales	16,538	18,208	47,947	50,469	749	821	2,174	2,283
TOTAL VALUE - - - - - - -					$ 1,958	$ 2,125	$ 5,253	$ 5,584

☆ Ice Cream and Fluid Cream Converted to Milk Basis.

	APRIL		JANUARY-APRIL		APRIL		JANUARY-APRIL	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	- thousand dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations	1,830	1,634	6,271	6,385	$ 658,701	$ 477,437	$ 2,156,837	$ 1,935,849
	- pounds -							
Poultry Marketings through Registered Stations	113,359	109,891	624,000	622,000	$ 41,943	$ 31,928	$ 210,822	$ 183,170

COMPILED BY ALBERTA BUREAU OF STATISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES & LABOUR

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

APRIL AND FOUR MONTH PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - Apr.)	1954 (Jan. - Apr.)	4 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (April)	1954 (April)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (8 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$.	9,626,263	9,572,883	- .56	2,296,120	2,449,992	6.70
	- Production	Barrels.	1,098,677	947,589	-13.75	262,902	228,188	-13.21
		Value $.	10,345,354	9,232,086	-10.76	2,504,086	2,224,627	-11.16
Creamery Butter (1)	- Production	Lbs.	6,477,354	7,020,707	8.39	2,214,949	2,294,603	3.60
		Value $.	3,862,007	4,149,269	7.44	1,273,596	1,313,660	3.15
Factory Cheese (1)	- Production	Lbs.	588,707	837,674	42.29	208,256	238,489	14.52
		Value $.	202,062	280,621	38.88	70,807	79,894	12.83
Dairy Factories	- Gross Sales	$.	9,045,268	9,639,627	6.57	2,290,238	2,589,259	13.06
Packing Plants	- Gross Sales	$.	33,585,224	40,306,622	20.01	7,019,697	8,653,494	23.27
	- Production - Meat	Lbs.	96,055,170	101,226,131	5.38	21,753,828	23,375,587	7.46
		Value $.	27,267,161	31,555,644	15.73	6,129,180	7,490,173	22.21

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

APRIL AND FOUR MONTH PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953.

			1 9 5 3 (Jan.-April)	1 9 5 4 (Jan. - April)	4 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 3 (April)	1 9 5 4 (April)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal	Production	Tons	1,884,109	1,854,875	- 1.55	326,772	327,285	.16
		Value $	9,774,772	9,736,645	- .39	1,690,422	1,668,060	- 1.32
Salt	Production	Tons	7,207	8,832	22.55	1,874	2,171	15.85
Petroleum Products Refined -	Gross Sales	$	28,738,982	33,727,792	17.36	7,252,240	8,211,373	13.23
Propane	Production	Gallons	4,318,388	5,038,204	16.67	850,895	1,139,562	33.93
	Sales	Gallons	4,399,774	5,823,605	32.36	908,329	1,125,912	23.95
Butane	Production	Gallons	1,895,482	2,164,062	14.17	447,561	520,493	16.30
	Sales	Gallons	657,934	2,178,216	231.07	116,074	511,638	340.79
Sulphur	Production	Tons	5,868	7,570	29.00	1,715	1,751	2.68
	Sales	Tons	4,562	4,868	6.71	2,549	1,379	-45.90
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$	784,807	876,363	11.67	208,806	235,706	12.88
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$	3,934,693	3,449,714	-12.33	867,529	981,607	13.15
Cement	Production	Barrels	1,086,422	957,227	-11.89	263,178	337,604	28.28
		Value $	2,768,149	2,402,666	-13.20	672,033	841.454	25.21
Lime	Gross Sales	$	148,127	190,656	28.71	39,153	55,468	41.67
	Production	Tons	5,647	6,689	18.45	1,422	1,912	34.46
		Value $	87,347	95,772	9.65	22,009	25,287	14.89

(1) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

			1953 (Jan. - Mar.)	1954 (Jan. - Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (March)	1954 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Petroleum	(1) Production	Barrels	14,207,078	20,283,020	42.77	4,696,554	5,619,838	19.66
	Value of Sales	$.	33,033,703	53,253,225	61.21	10,958,838	14,682,307	33.97
Natural Gas	(1) Production	M.C.F.	31,230,754	40,454,644	29.53	9,867,300	12,422,063	25.89
Petroleum-Crude & Refined	(2) Imports	Gallons	15,712,911	16,484,405	4.91	4,299,748	5,730,982	33.29
	Exports	Gallons	244,634,657	609,599,379	149.19	81,465,569	188,498,118	131.38
Petroleum Products Refined	(2) Production-Gallons		173,413,259	176,898,265	2.01	59,464,374	55,571,011	- 6.55
	Imports	Gallons	3,079,881	2,795,671	- 9.23	719,813	767,747	6.66
	Exports	Gallons	35,286,491	36,199,819	2.59	11,593,825	11,330,253	- 2.27
Natural Gasoline	(1) Production-Barrels		161,711	177,395	9.70	52,131	62,168	19.25
	Value of Sales	$.	459,866	522,003	13.51	149,944	189,226	26.20

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, March, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

APRIL AND FOUR MONTH PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

			1953 (Jan.- April)	1954 (Jan.- April)	4 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (April)	1954 (April)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands)	- Production	Lumber-ft.b.m.	289,579,000	264,081,000	- 8.81	10,718,000	19,224,000	79.36
	Value	$.	11,583,200	10,563,200	- 8.81	428,700	769,000	79.38
Total Value of Lumber & other Forestry Products		$.	14,139,000	13,119,000	- 7.22	537,000	877,000	63.31
Fur (Wild Life)	- Trapped	No. of Pelts.	891,561	638,014	-28.44	122,891	114,331	- 6.97
	Value	$.	730,277	455,930	-37.57	116,981	84,642	-27.65
Wholesale Trade	- Gross Sales	$.	168,374,651	161,638,645	- 4.00	43,584,150	39,291,388	- 9.85
Machinery, Agricultural	- Gross Sales	$.	22,647,703	15,142,813	-33.14	7,567,375	5,284,934	-30.16
Machinery, Other	- Gross Sales	$.	6,731,692	4,884,349	-27.44	1,962,428	1,171,067	-40.33
Bank Clearings		$.	1,237,121,365	1,231,278,179	- .47	301,001,736	303,359,514	.78

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953.

			1953 (Jan.- March)	1954 (Jan.- March)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (March)	1954 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Department Store Sales (1)		$.	21,529,000	21,377,000	- .71	7,870,000	7,657,000	- 2.71
Retail Trade	- Gross Sales (2)	$.	205,946,000	196,991,000	- 4.35	74,335,000	72,201,000	- 2.87
New Motor Vehicles	- Gross Sales (3)	No.	11,417	8,330	-27.04	4,481	3,821	-14.73
	Value	$.	28,604,000	21,185,000	-25.94	11,210,000	9,706,000	-13.42
Bank Debits (4)		$.	2,066,230,000	2,214,064,000	7.15	783,473,000	747,188,000	- 4.63
Customs' Duty Receipts		$.	4,170,082	3,196,542	-23.35	1,790,494	1,409,659	-21.27
Electric Power	- Consumption (5)	K.W.Hrs.	330,980,000	387,929,000	17.21	108,089,000	125,256,000	15.88

(1) Source: Department Store Sales and Stocks, Vol. XIX, No. 3, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: Retail Trade Vol. XXVI, No. 3, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVI, No. 3, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(4) Source: Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 31, No. 3, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(5) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 22, No. 3, 1954, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

APRIL AND FOUR MONTH PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

BUILDING PERMITS:		1 9 5 3 (Jan.-April	1 9 5 4 (Jan.-April)	4 Months Inc.or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 3 (April)	1 9 5 4 (April)	1 Month Inc.or (-) Dec.
				%			%
CALGARY	Number	1,445	817	-43.46	554	221	-60.11
	Value $.	13,015,471	10,267,452	-21.11	6,817,453	2,566,376	-62.36
EDMONTON	Number	1,567	1,533	- 2.17	811	656	-19.11
	Value $.	13,315,058	14,023,392	5.32	6,985,701	6,249,122	-10.54
LETHBRIDGE	Number	198	239	20.71	77	82	6.49
	Value $.	3,863,446	2,066,912	-46.50	2,785,695	1,052,870	-62.21
MEDICINE HAT	Number	144	97	-32.64	90	60	-33.33
	Value $.	1,087,630	477,399	-56.11	664,015	360,900	-45.65
RED DEER	Number	82	41	-50.00	44	14	-68.18
	Value $.	697,200	274,650	-60.61	420,200	182,100	-56.66
DRUMHELLER	Number	13	21	61.54	9	8	-11.11
	Value $.	35,525	260,790	634.10	23,575	6,850	-70.94
WETASKIWIN	Number	25	17	-32.00	19	10	-47.37
	Value $.	377,740	67,450	-82.14	368,850	20,300	-94.50
TOTAL - (7 CITIES)	NUMBER	3,474	2,765	-20.41	1,604	1,051	-34.48
	VALUE $.	32,392,070	27,438,045	-15.29	18,065,489	10,438,518	-42.22

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)		1 9 5 3 (Jan.-April)	1 9 5 4 (Jan.-April)	4 Months Inc.or (-) Dec.	1 9 5 3 (April)	1 9 5 4 (April)	1 Month Inc.or (-) Dec.
				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	1,518	842	-44.53	772	519	-32.77
	Value $.	22,612,200	9,559,000	-57.73	11,300,200	5,136,900	-54.54
BUSINESS	Number	224	155	-30.80	111	69	-37.84
	Value $.	18,960,900	12,887,400	-32.03	9,046,200	5,142,800	-43.15
INDUSTRIAL	Number	22	32	45.45	10	8	-20.00
	Value $.	1,623,300	15,740,900	869.69	791,000	14,521,500	1735.84
ENGINEERING	Number	158	39	-75.32	34	12	-64.71
	Value $.	31,126,900	13,819,600	-55.60	3,548,400	9,488,400	167.40
TOTAL - - - - - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	1,922	1,068	-44.43	927	603	-34.41
	VALUE $	74,323,300	52,006,900	-30.03	24,685,800	34,289,600	38.90

(1) Source: Building Reporter, May, 1954, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

MAY AND FIVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953.

	1953 (Jan.- May)	1954 (Jan.- May)	5 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (May)	1954 (May)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff - - - - - - - - - - - -	125,564	124,530	- .82	42,711	49,711	16.39
Elk Island - - - - - - - - -	32,902	21,013	-36.14	29,852	17,413	-41.67
Jasper - - - - - - - - - - -	7,293	4,290	-41.18	4,359	2,329	-46.57
Waterton Lakes - - - - - - - -	17,788	16,789	- 5.62	15,432	15,006	- 2.76
TOTAL - - - - -	183,547	166,622	- 9.22	92,354	84,459	- 8.55

(1)AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS

FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

APRIL AND FOUR MONTH PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953.

	1953 (Jan. -Apr.)	1954 (Jan.- Apr.)	4 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (April)	1954 (April)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden - - - - - - - - - - - - -	71	57	- 5.63	20	18	-10.00
Carway - - - - - - - - - - - -	449	366	-18.49	152	143	- 5.92
Chief Mountain - - - - - - - -	-	1		-	1	
Coutts - - - - - - - - - - - -	7,282	7,734	6.21	2,278	2,306	1.23
Del Bonita - - - - - - - - - -	369	317	-14.09	92	98	6.52
Wild Horse - - - - - - - - - -	96	96	-	28	33	17.86
TOTAL - - - - - -	8,267	8,581	3.80	2,570	2,599	1.13

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(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

MARCH - 1954

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS.	KEROSENE GALS.	OTHER FUEL GALS.	MISC. FUEL GALS.	TOTAL GALS.
A-	2,317,035	1,001,140		826,245	491,015	4,635,435
AA-	4,890,585	1,531,705	14,385	1,039,570		7,476,245
B-	357,455	-	-	-	-	357,455
BB-	16,948	96,082	85,229	587,480	35,000	820,739
C-	1,638,362	483,257	2,781☆	449,715		2,568,553
G-	273,421	570,290	438,761	7,235,004		8,517,476
H-	5,038,130	457,356	2,601☆	643,482		6,136,367
J-	9,672,893	3,355,299	1,379☆	2,683,997		15,710,810
K-	-	-	-	-		-
L-	1,337,945	-	-	-		1,337,945
N-	5,364,030	802,445	35☆	1,498,490	215,285	7,880,215
O-	3,041	-	-	126,730		129,771
TOTAL	30,909,845	8,297,574	531,579	15,090,713	741,300	55,571,011

☆ Adjustment - Deduct

WHOLESALE TRADE - ALBERTA

APRIL AND FOUR MONTH PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1953

	1953 (Jan.- Apr.)	1954 (Jan. - Apr.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (April)	1954 (April)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES			%			%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	35,012,721	31,217,375	-10.84	10,545,161	7,696,658	-27.01
Boots and Shoes	894,978	867,310	- 3.09	223,343	184,339	-17.46
Drugs	2,668,654	2,844,656	6.60	667,990	705,804	5.66
Dry Goods	4,475,638	4,040,099	- 9.73	1,173,531	918,463	-21.74
Electrical Appliances and Radios	13,478,690	12,975,412	- 3.73	3,130,062	2,759,175	-11.85
Florists	101,205	95,764	- 5.38	24,644	35,413	43.70
Furniture	1,976,878	1,479,134	-25.18	739,114	440,667	-40.38
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	42,245,004	43,343,481	2.60	10,491,530	10,412,897	- .75
Hardware	18,142,139	15,900,358	-12.36	4,540,256	3,969,072	-12.58
Lumber and Building Supplies	12,629,560	11,348,446	-10.14	3,139,736	2,783,051	-11.36
Paints and Varnishes	2,218,401	2,120,203	- 4.43	633,598	545,464	-13.91
Paper	3,383,476	3,129,400	- 7.51	931,301	883,463	- 5.14
Tobacco	5,763,563	5,933,472	2.95	1,414,783	1,565,157	10.63
Oilfield Supplies	3,560,523	4,817,840	35.31	526,343	820,486	55.88
Carbonated Beverages	5,324,019	5,060,556	- 4.95	1,437,506	1,319,737	- 8.19
Miscellaneous	16,499,202	16,465,139	- .26	3,965,252	4,251,542	7.22
TOTAL	168,374,651	161,638,645	- 4.00	43,584,150	39,291,388	- 9.85
BY LOCATIONS						
Calgary	65,597,609	57,725,393	-12.00	17,900,449	14,274,326	-20.27
Edmonton	33,614,855	32,994,663	- 1.85	8,607,073	7,832,911	- 9.00
Lethbridge	5,103,991	5,379,258	5.39	1,322,992	1,500,437	13.41
Medicine Hat	392,255	413,958	5.53	99,283	113,428	14.25
Smaller Centres	1,856,585	1,886,822	1.63	408,065	430,912	5.60
Major Cities - not distributable by location	61,809,356	63,238,551	2.31	15,246,288	15,139,374	- .70
TOTAL	168,374,651	161,638,645	- 4.00	43,584,150	39,291,388	- 9.85

RETAIL TRADE - ALBERTA

MARCH AND THREE MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953.

	1953 (Jan.-Mar.)	1954 (Jan.-Mar.)	3 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1953 (March)	1954 (March)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
	$	$	%	$	$	%
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	205,946,000(a)	196,991,000(a)	- 4.35	74,335,000(a)	72,201,000(a)	- 2.87
Grocery and Combination Stores	27,146,000	28,006,000	3.17	9,022,000	9,497,000	5.26
Meat Stores	3,199,000	3,322,000	3.84	1,156,000	1,208,000	4.50
Country General Stores	12,718,000	12,631,000	- .69	4,264,000	4,268,000	.09
Department Stores	21,529,000	21,377,000	- .71	7,870,000	7,657,000	- 2.71
Variety Store	2,201,000	2,153,000	- 2.18	826,000	814,000	- 1.45
Motor Vehicle Dealers	46,542,000	42,140,000	- 9.46	18,973,000	18,176,000	- 4.20
Garage and Filling Stations	12,860,000	13,916,000	8.21	4,379,000	4,773,000	9.00
Men's Clothing Stores	3,232,000	3,060,000	- 5.32	963,000	943,000	- 2.08
Family Clothing Stores	2,358,000	2,148,000	- 8.91	804,000	677,000	-15.80
Women's Clothing Stores	3,037,000	2,683,000	-11.66	1,085,000	917,000	-15.48
Shoe Stores	1,029,000	1,034,000	.49	383,000	378,000	- 1.31
Hardware Stores	5,083,000	4,811,000	- 5.35	1,867,000	1,713,000	- 8.25
Lumber & Building Material Dealers	10,113,000	8,543,000	- 5.53	3,559,000	3,113,000	-12.53
Furniture Store	2,687,000	2,264,000	-15.74	931,000	797,000	-14.39
Appliances and Radio Stores	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Restaurants	7,997,000	6,833,000	-14.56	2,717,000	2,347,000	-13.62
Coal and Wood Dealers	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Drug Stores	4,857,000	4,769,000	- 1.81	1,635,000	1,637,000	.12
Jewellery Stores	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
Tobacco Stores	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
All Other Trades	33,083,000	31,525,000	- 4.71	11,735,000	11,216,000	- 4.42

(a) Any slight difference between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(b) Not available.

Source: Retail Trade Vol. XXVI, No. 3, Dominion Bureau of Statistics

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st April, 1954

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 54, No. 4, April, 1954)

Economic activity in the Prairie region increased steadily throughout March, after turning upwards from its winter low point in the last half of February. Unemployment showed some corresponding reduction, although the decline did not match the gain in employment because of a seasonal increase in the labour force. The increase in full-time employment occurred almost entirely in agriculture and amounted to 17,000 during the month, bringing the total number of full-time workers to 791,000. This was still more than 10,000 below the figure at the corresponding date last year.

Production and employment during the first part of 1954 were lower than in the previous winter in all three provinces with the possible exception of Saskatchewan. The greatest employment decreases during the year took place in mining, construction, railway transportation and in the manufacture of clothing, transportation equipment and iron and steel products. The average number of non-agricultural job-holders in the first quarter of this year was slightly more than 20,000 below the figure for last year and about half of these withdrew from the labour force. Although a corresponding decrease occurred in the numbers employed in agriculture, persons seeking work in this industry were no more numerous than last year. The year-to-year increase in unemployment was concentrated in the non-agricultural sector.

METROPOLITAN AND MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREAS. Labour requirements increased somewhat in metropolitan areas during March but not enough to cause any sizeable reduction in labour surpluses. Work on construction projects developed slowly, although the amount of work on hand was as large as in any recent year.

MAJOR AGRICULTURAL AND MINOR AREAS. Construction was still seasonally slack in most agricultural and minor areas but there was a slight increase in the demand for farm workers. In a number of areas in Alberta, however, increases in farm or construction activity were offset by lower production levels in the coal mining industry. Lay-offs in coal mining increased unemployment in Lethbridge, Drumheller and some smaller areas, whereas the number of persons out of work usually declines in these areas during March.

Employment and Payrolls

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc. are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situations at the 1st of March, 1954, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

At MARCH 1, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Mar. 1 1953	Mar. 1 1954	Mar. 1 1953	Mar. 1 1954	Mar. 1 1954.
Mining	119.8	118.0	69.22	76.40	18,311
Coal	77.3	67.5	45.63	53.75	5,451
Oil and Natural Gas Wells	187.7	186.6	81.37	85.71	11,520
Manufacturing	124.8	120.8	57.48	60.79	24,336
Food and Beverages	104.3	104.6	56.81	59.57	7,689
Meat Products	114.4	113.2	62.36	64.96	3,595
Wood Products	149.5	113.0	47.24	48.96	2,972
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	100.6	101.9	56.02	60.02	1,155
Iron and Steel Products	144.3	137.1	64.93	68.70	2,494
Transportation Equipment	163.2	145.7	60.86	63.97	4,311
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	105.6	116.9	53.77	55.56	1,839
Products of Petroleum and Coal	129.4	128.4	74.87	80.76	1,230
Construction	148.3	128.1	64.04	63.83	13,902
Buildings and Structures (k)	198.3	134.9	69.02	67.65	8,104
Highways, Bridges and Streets	101.5	119.8	53.88	58.50	5,798
Transportation, Storage, Communication	109.6	107.1	61.51	64.73	22,267
Steam Railways	101.2	95.2	66.30	68.48	12,728
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	128.8	130.3	57.89	65.83	3,328
Storage	113.3	114.3	51.30	53.37	2,639
Trade	122.9	123.7	48.96	51.76	24,365
Wholesale	125.2	125.1	53.07	55.77	8,719
Retail	121.9	122.9	46.62	49.53	15,646
Service	104.5	114.5	38.18	39.64	6,408
Hotels and Restaurants	94.4	108.1	38.56	39.56	4,360
Industrial Composite	122.7	119.3	57.76	60.74	119,224

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.

(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.

(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, March, 1954
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS (Continued)

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries at MARCH, 1954, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1953

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Mar. 1 1953	Mar. 1 1954	Mar. 1 1953	Mar. 1 1954	Mar.1 1954
CALGARY					
Manufacturing	122.3	114.8	60.68	63.38	8,643
Foods and Beverages	111.4	108.8	58.95	61.28	2,731
Transportation Equipment	153.4	138.8	61.76	64.02	2,538
Construction	142.8	128.4	60.05	60.73	2,532
Wholesale Trade	118.3	120.7	53.61	56.13	3,770
Retail Trade	118.6	121.7	47.47	51.42	6,076
Industrial Composite	122.2	122.5	55.13	57.99	29,778
EDMONTON					
Manufacturing	137.1	136.1	58.14	62.10	10,078
Foods and Beverages	114.2	115.7	57.60	60.88	3,508
Meat Products	114.0	117.1	60.81	63.69	2,397
Construction	176.2	129.5	73.04	64.66	5,182
Wholesale Trade	134.6	138.4	52.38	55.22	3,778
Retail Trade	124.4	125.3	46.79	48.97	6,913
Industrial Composite	138.6	132.9	56.32	56.91	33,597

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, March, 1954
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(1) ADVANCE INDEX NUMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS, APRIL, 1954, WITH INDEXES FOR A YEAR EARLIER (1949 = 100)

(2) AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

	(1) EMPLOYMENT		(1) PAYROLLS		(2) AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES	
	Apr. 1 1954	Apr. 1 1953	Apr. 1 1954	Apr. 1 1953	Apr. 1 1954	Apr. 1 1953
Newfoundland	113.1	122.4	163.1	175.1	54.14	53.25
Prince Edward Island	92.5	104.0	125.1	140.6	45.58	45.61
Nova Scotia	92.1	96.9	124.7	127.0	50.69	48.97
New Brunswick	92.8	96.6	125.2	126.4	51.05	49.72
Quebec	103.5	108.3	143.2	145.4	56.83	54.83
Ontario	108.9	113.2	150.6	151.3	61.22	59.48
Manitoba	99.7	102.9	130.8	131.3	55.83	54.52
Saskatchewan	107.4	105.7	143.0	136.5	55.17	53.64
Alberta	118.1	121.6	158.5	156.0	59.60	57.78
British Columbia	101.4	104.6	143.0	143.3	64.37	62.64
Canada - Composite Index	105.5	110.0	145.6	146.7		
Canada - Manufacturing	107.7	112.9	150.7	152.6	61.21	59.44
Canada - Composite Figure	-	-	-	-	59.06	57.33

Source: Prepared in the Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division

Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.